Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 04 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 05 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 May 2023 at 14:03 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry weather on Thursday then some showers breaking out on Friday and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day detail from Friday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 04 May 2023: Dry. Some sunshine. Feeling cold and quite windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Weather: It will be a dry day with clouds breaking to give some sunshine. Best of the sun will be over western mountains such as Knoydart, Skye and Torridon. Clouds more stubborn to break up further east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility beneath the cloud which will be patchy above 700 to 800m in west but more extensive at times further east.

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Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/17 E	14/19 E	17/23 E	24/33 E	27/39 SE	26/38 SE	28/40 SE	27/41 E	22/34 E
900	13/17 E	14/18 E	16/22 E	22/31 E	27/39 SE	26/38 SE	28/40 SE	29/43 E	24/36 E
600	10/15 E	10/15 E	12/18 E	15/24 E	20/33 SE	19/32 SE	20/34 SE	20/36 E	18/31 E
300	7/14 E	6/13 E	5/15 E	9/24 E	12/30 SE	13/30 SE	14/29 E	14/30 E	11/26 E
Glen	10/14 E	9/14 E	9/15 E	12/22 E	15/27 SE	13/24 SE	15/26 E	16/29 E	14/23 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/1	4/0	4/-1	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	2/-4	0/-7	-0/-7
900	6/2	5/1	4/-0	4/-2	5/-1	5/-1	3/-3	1/-6	0/-6
600	8/5	7/4	7/4	7/3	8/4	7/3	6/1	4/-2	3/-2
300	8/6	8/6	8/6	10/8	11/9	10/8	9/6	6/2	4/1
Glen	11/9	11/9	11/9	12/10	14/11	14/11	12/9	9/6	8/4
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note stronger winds and lower temperatures over higher ridges and summits making it feel very cold.

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023

Weather: Mainly dry morning with some sunshine. Clouds building in the afternoon with scattered showers breaking out.

Maximum wind: Strong southeast winds, average speeds of 30mph with gusts 45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in morning reducing 40% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility becoming poor as showers come along. Patchy cloud cover above 700m becoming more extensive in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m at first, lifting above the summits by the afternoon.

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